

Architectural Review Board  
Minutes  
June 17, 2014

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 8 PM in Room 213 of the Darien Town Hall.

Attending: Gadsen, Greene, Hughes, Lawrence, Macdonald

Staff: Keating

**ARB # 11-2014**

Fancy Nail and Spa (formerly Salon Louis)

1979 Boston Post Road NB and R-1/3 Zone

Proposed front and rear awnings.

Zengha Shen represented Fancy Nail and Spa. Fancy Nail and Spa requested two new awnings on the front and the rear of the building. They will use the existing frames. The awnings will be fabricated in Reflex Blue. ARB asked that the awnings be made from a Sunbrella type fabric rather than the plastic material presented. The white letters spelling out the name of the establishment will be 10" high. The phone number will be stenciled on the door rather than on the awnings as presented.

ARB approved the proposal as modified.

**ARB # 12-2014**

Center Street Public House (formerly Backstreet and Third Rail Restaurants)

22 Center Street CBD Zone

Proposed wall sign, hanging sign and door graphics.

Amy Zabetakis, Rucci Law Group and Tom Lynch, owner and proprietor presented their request for new signs and door graphics. The Center Street Public House will occupy the location that formerly housed Backstreet Restaurant and most recently The Third Rail Restaurant. The restaurant will provide both indoor seating and outdoor seating on the patio.

The requested wall signage as well as the hanging sign will be in the same locations as the existing signs. The wall sign and hanging signs are in compliance with the allowable square footage. The font will be Dumbledor on black aluminum with gold lettering for the wall sign and the hanging sign will be black urethane with gold leaf lettering. The hanging sign and the newly painted red door will display the Center Street multicolored logo. A welcome sign will be painted on the transom above the door.

ARB stated that the logo on the wall sign was not allowed because of the inclusion of the Guinness iconic logo. Mr. Lynch agreed to use only the harp motif from the proposed logo instead of the entire design. Four gooseneck lamps will illuminate the wall sign.

As modified, ARB approved the requested signage and lighting.

**ARB #14-2014**

LobsterCraft (formerly White Bridge Deli)

286 Tokeneke Road NB Zone

Proposed hanging sign and window graphics.

Captain Michael Harden, owner, representing LobsterCraft. LobsterCraft has two food trucks and is opening a store front and food preparation center at 286 Tokeneke Road (formerly White Bridge Deli). They will be serving lobster rolls from the retail space of the new facility.

They have proposed a two-sided blade sign to hang perpendicular to the road. It is approximately 18 X 30 inches in size and will be 7 feet to the bottom of the sign from the sidewalk. The sign will display their logo that they will revise and come back to ARB for final approval. The sign will be hand carved wood painted gray with black and PMS 166 a red/orange for the lettering. The letters will be shadowed with orange striping. The address will be on the blade sign or located above the entrance door. There will be no wall sign. Graphics in the windows were discussed and approved. The building will receive an overall facelift and the owner is considering a mural on the south side of the building. That design will require submission to the ARB.

ARB approved the concept of the blade sign and will review the new lobster logo when it is presented.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**SoNo Bakery**

49 Tokeneke Road

Neil Hauck, architect, with John and Patti Barricelli, owners, Sono Bakery. Accent Sign will be installing the signs in the windows of Sono Bakery.

Neil Hauck and the Barricelli's asked to have a discussion on the proposed front façade and the signage of their new store front bakery. They would like to replace the existing windows with large panes of insulated glass. The bakery logo will be placed on the large windows on either side of the door with gooseneck lamps for illumination. They will keep the muntins around the door. A discussion followed outlining the pros and cons of divided lights versus single panes. ARB suggested adding light sconces on the four pilasters for better illumination rather the proposed gooseneck lamps over the windows. ARB suggested raising the height of the signage and logos in the windows for better visibility. ARB also requested adding the street number to the fascia on the front of the building. A new 28" wide by 20" high blade sign shall be located to the right of the storefront. It shall have a white background with black letters and a golden wheat logo. The street number shall be located on the frieze above the entrance doorway.

A new rear entrance door (facing Center Street) shall be topped with a black Sunbrella fabric awning. A 36" square wall sign of the same design as the blade sign shall identify the rear entrance.

As modified, ARB approved the requested façade changes, doorway, awning and signage. The Barricelli's will return to present their selection for the exterior lighting.

**Mobil Gas Station** (formerly BP and before that it was Getty)

179 Noroton Avenue (at the southwest corner at the intersection with West Avenue)

Scott Parker, representing Mobil Oil Company, asked for changes in the existing signage. Mobil Oil Company has purchased the property previously owned by British Petroleum. They will replace the signage of the two existing pole signs maintaining the current square footage of 50 ¾" x 48 3/8" per sign. They will indicate only "Mobil". There will be no gas price signs on the poles. The gas pumps shall be re-branded as Mobil pumps.

The BP green paint will be replaced by Mobil blue on the fascia of the building.

ARB approved the requested changes.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Greene